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Community Calendar

Annual Marshmallow Drop set at Nankin Mills Recreation

The sky over Wayne County will be filled with a fluffy surprise during the annual Marshmallow Drop beginning at 11 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, April 18. The annual event, which includes the shower of 20,000 marshmallows from the Easter Bunny's helicopter, is sponsored by Wayne County Parks.

The free family-friendly event will take place at Nankin Mills Recreation Area in Westland, 33275 Hines Dr.

Children 12 and younger can bring their baskets and collect marshmallows as they land. While the marshmallows themselves are not for eating, participants can exchange them for a special treat, organizers said. Or more information, call (734) -261-1990.

Ghost Walk planned

Hear the tales of early Plymouth from the characters themselves on April 26 during the Plymouth Historical Museum Ghost Walk.

The walks begin at 4 p.m. and leave every 15 minutes visiting locations up and down Main Street in Plymouth and lasting up to 90 minutes. Participants should meet at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 per person the day of the Ghost Walk (if the walk is not sold out ahead of time). Groups of eight or more should contact the Plymouth Historical Museum for a group rate of $15 per ticket. The Ghosts of Plymouth Walk is sponsored by ATS Advisors.

Plymouth Old Village Yard and Trunk sale set

The annual Old Village Association Yard and Trunk Sale is planned for 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, April 26.

Refreshments will be available at various bars, cafes and restaurants in the area.

More than 25 vendors offering household items, toys, clothing, books, tools, used electronics and other items will participate in the sale.

For more information visit oldvillageplymouth.com.

Canton Art in Bloom April 26

Art in Bloom, an annual spring artisan market presented by the Village Arts Factory and The Village Grocery, is set to take from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 26. The sale and show will take place in indoors, as well as outside on the grounds of the arts facility, located at 50755 Cherry Hill Road in Canton Township.

The special event, supported by Blink Eye Care, Jacob Matthew Jewelers, Merrill Mueting Lyczak Group, and The Village Doctor at Cherry Hill, will showcase resident studio artists of the Village Arts Factory, as well as other local food and artisan vendors selling an array of fine arts, crafts, handmade gifts, jewelry, pottery, ceramics, apparel, accessories, and home goods. In addition, the annual Cherry Hill Potters Guild Spring Pottery Sale will also take place during Art in Bloom from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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Restoration of tornado damage at park celebrated

A ribbon-cutting and tree planting ceremony at Heritage Park in Canton Township will mark the reopening of pavilions destroyed by a 2023 tornado. Officials from the National Weather Service confirmed that an EF-0 tornado touched down in Canton Township at 10:19 Aug 24, 2024 and produced 80 mph winds. The tornado touched down just north of the Pheasant Run Golf Club, then tracked southeast and crossed numerous roads. It dissipated just north of the Lower River Rouge.

The tornado is estimated to have traveled a path of 1.7 miles and a maximum width of 200 yards.

Dozens of trees were downed and uprooted and the popular splash pad in Heritage Park damaged. The facility has been closed for repairs since the damage occurred.

The reopening event is planned for 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 22 and will mark the official reopening of the three pavilions destroyed during the tornado. The ceremony is open to the public and Canton Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak along with members of the board of trustees and other officials will be on hand to celebrate the completion of the final tornado restoration project. New trees, new picnic tables, trash receptacles and repairs to the splash playground were among the repairs and replacements accomplished during the restoration effort.

"Canton is grateful to finally be able to fully restore all of our Heritage Park amenities that were affected by severe weather that occurred back in August 2023," stated Greg Hohenberger, Canton Leisure Services director. "Heritage Park remains one of our most popular community parks that welcomes over 300,000 visitors each year and we're excited to have these pavilions available for our 2025 rental season."

In the spirit of Earth Day, a native Michigan tree will be planted near the Heritage Park South Pavilions, that can be found on Veterans Way behind the Canton Administration Building, located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. This year marks the 55th Anniversary of Earth Day and its theme of: Our Power, Our Planet. Earth Day is celebrated on April 22, around the globe in more than 193 countries.

In addition to the splash pad and pavilions, the 105-acre Heritage Park offers several playscapes, a gazebo, large scenic ponds, 1.5 miles of walking paths, an amphitheater, baseball/softball fields, soccer fields, a sand volleyball court, fishing pier, and much more, officials said.

For more information, visit www.cantonmi.gov or call (734) 394-5360.

Heritage Park is located just west of the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center, Road.

A ceremony marking the reopening of facilities in Canton Township Heritage Park that were damaged by a tornado last year is set for April 22.

Romulus Garden Club to mark Arbor Day with annual Eco Fair

The city of Romulus annual "Eco-Fair" is set for 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. this Saturday, April 19, at the Romulus Athletic Center (RAC), 35765 Northline Road. This annual event is organized by the Romulus Garden Club.

The free event – a pre-celebration for Earth Day (April 22nd) – is open to the public and features interesting exhibits, speakers, and take-aways for children and people of all ages. No RAC membership is required to attend the event. More than 25 local and regional environmentally-friendly organizations and vendors will participate. There will be free activities and door prizes.

Five groups will also hold half-hour informational presentations and question & answer sessions.

Presentations will be held at 10 a.m. by the Romulus Middle School Space Challenge Club, 10:45 a.m. by the Metroparks, 11:30 a.m. by Wild Ones Native Plants, 12:15 p.m. by Big Brothers, Big Sisters, and at 1 p.m. by Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association. After each speaker, door prizes will be awarded to someone in the audience. There will also be a special children's story time at 12:30 p.m.

For more information about the Romulus Eco-Fair, call (734) 634-2812.

The Romulus Garden Club is a free organization open to residents in the Romulus area. The club mission is "fun, education, outreach, health, and environment." Members meet at the Romulus Library for an open speaker series once a month and at additional times for planning. All ages and ability levels are welcome. To join or get more information, call (734) 634-3812 or search for "Romulus Garden Club" on Facebook.

State of the community

Northville Township Supervisor Mark J. Abbo far right, Northville Mayor Brian Turnbull, at left, and Superintendent of Northville Public Schools Dr. RJ Webber shared updates regarding the community during the annual State of the Community Address last week. The officials reported on major projects, partnerships and progress along with future initiatives to an overflowing crowd. The event, organized by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, was sponsored by Mayflower Towing and Schoolcraft College. Other sponsors included Comcast, Salem Hills Golf Club, DTE Energy, and McKenna.

Long-time Michigan Avenue landmark to be demolished in Wayne

A landmark along Michigan Avenue in the city of Wayne is being demolished to make way for a new parking lot.

The City of Wayne has officially closed the downtown public parking structure at 35015 East Michigan Ave. A recent city fire department training exercise exposed structural and safety concerns, officials said, necessitating the closure of the structure as unsafe for use. A $700,000 Community Block Grant will fund the demolition of the aging structure and the construction of a new surface parking lot at the site. place.

According to a spokesperson from the Wayne Public Library, the demolition work is expected to begin in the coming weeks.

"This week, the structure was used in a fire department training exercise," the library posted on a social media site. "After the exercise was completed, it was determined that it was unsafe to reopen the structure, so it is closing permanently a bit sooner than expected."

The parking deck, long a landmark in the community, has been used by visitors to the library, city offices, and businesses.

The closure will temporarily reduce parking availability in the area, officials acknowledged, but the planned surface parking facility will provide improved access and updated infrastructure, they said.

Wayne man to serve 40-60 years for murder in Canton

The man accused of murdering his former girlfriend while she was at the front desk of the Comfort Suites hotel in Canton Township will serve 40-60 years in prison.

Joseph Slocum Jr. 24, of Wayne, was sentenced April 4 by Judge Donald Knapp of the 3rd Circuit Court to 40-60 years in prison for the murder of his former girlfriend, 19-year-old Veronica Crain. The incident occurred Feb.16, 2024, while the victim was working the front desk at the Comfort Suites hotel in Canton.

Police said responding officers called to the hotel found Crain with a gunshot wound to the head. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Investigators said Slocum fled the scene and was arrested after he was involved in an automobile accident on southbound Interstate 275 and Ford Road. He was lying in the road suffering from multiple injuries, according to officials.

He was later charged and remanded to jail.

The case was investigated by Det. Jennifer Giannola of the Canton Police Departments Special Victims Unit and prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Jonathon Hitz of the Wayne County Prosecutors Office.

"We extend our deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of Veronica Crain as they continue to bear the profound grief resulting from the unimaginable act of murder," said Canton Township Police Chief Chad Baugh. "We also thank the responding officers, detectives, and Prosecutor Kym Worthy's team for their commitment to pursing justice for Veronica," Baugh added.

The Canton Police Department continues to stress the seriousness and potential danger of domestic violence, according to a prepared statement from the department. Victims often face immense obstacles when attempting to seek help or leave abusive situations.

First Step provides confidential, 24/7 support and resources for those affected by domestic violence and can be reached at (734)722-6800.

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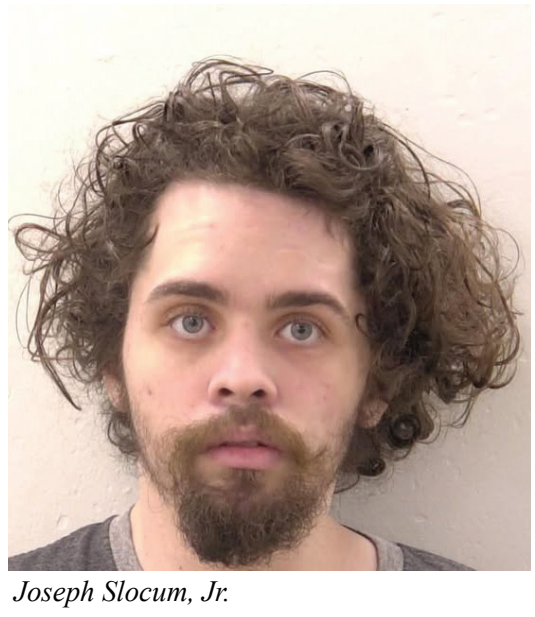

Joseph Slocum, Jr.

Meet the winner

Carl Gerhard, a student at Wayne Westland Schools Stottlemyer Early Childhood Center, was surrounded with good wishes during a recent meeting of the members of the school board. Gerhard received the 2025 Yes I Can! Award for Art from the Michigan Council for Exceptional Children. Gerhard is the youngest student to ever receive the prestigious award, which recognizes the outstanding achievements of children and youth with exceptionalities. He was honored at the MCEC Conference Recognition and Scholarship Reception on Thursday, Feb. 27, at the DeVos Place Convention Center in Grand Rapids. In addition to the schoool borad members, district educators and staff members were on hand to congratulate the award winner.

Romulus city clean-up set

The 47th Annual Clean Sweep in the city of Romulus is set for April 26.

Volunteers will meet at the Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road at 9 a.m. April 26. Supplies and assignments will be assigned. Following the clean-up of the city, volunteers will meet at Blue Sky Ice Cream and Hamburgers for refreshments and raffles.

Volunteers are still needed. Register at: kbasinger@romulusgov.com or call (734) 955-4535

Friends of the Penn awarded state grant for science programming

The historic Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth will continue to offer science programming to the community following a grant to the Friends of the Penn from the partnership of Coolidge Corner Theatre of Brookline, MA, and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation for the Science on Screen® programming. The Science on Screen® program features classic, cult, and documentary films matched with presentations by experts who discuss scientific, technological, or medical issues raised by each film.

Penn Theatre Executive Director Ellen Elliott said the grant was welcome.

"We look forward to this new expanded season of Science on Screen. We are so fortunate to be a recipient of this most generous grant that allows us to present these fun and educational programs for free to our community."

The 2025 programming includes free admission. Upcoming presentations include Birders: Connecting with Nature and a documentary film, Birders: The Central Park Effect (2012) at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 24. Every Little Thing – Pollinators: Unsung Heroes of Our Human Existence.

Legacy sponsor Sally Fedus provided additional funding.

For more information, visit www.penntheatre.org

PUBLIC AUCTION

GREAT LAKES TOWING IMPOUND AND RECOVERY DIVISION

On Tuesday, April 29th, 2025 at 11:30 am, Great Lakes Towing Impound and Recovery Division located at 42350 Van Born Rd, Belleville, Mi, County of Wayne, will conduct a public auction of Impounded and Abandoned vehicles. The following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2018	**HYUNDAI**	**4D**	**5NPD74LF8JH347584**	**25-0014140**
2020	**KIA**	**SW**	**KNDPMCAC6L7690488**	**25-0014140**
2018	**KIA**	**4D**	**5XXGT4L3XJG229000**	**25-0014140**

The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Dearborn Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Dearborn Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

1999	**JEEP**	**SW**	**1J4FY19S9XP470682**	**25-0001087**

The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Belleville Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Belleville Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2012	**JEEP**	**SW**	**1C4RJFAGXCC200681**	**25-0003209**

The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Redford Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Redford Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2014	**BUICK**	**SW**	**KL4CJCSB0EB780632**	**25-0010360**

The above vehicles are impounded through the Canton Township Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the Canton Township Police Department within 48 hours of the sale. There is $100 purchase fee paid directly to the Canton Township Police Department per vehicle on top of the winning bid.

2017	**RAM**	**PU**	**1C6RR7KG1HS669949**	**25-0000932**
2021	**DODGE**	**2D**	**2C3CDZFJ9MH601385**	**25-0000932**
2013	**BUICK**	**4D**	**1G4PN5SK3D4230296**	**25-0000932**
2017	**BUICK**	**SW**	**5GAKRBKD6HJ121455**	**25-0000932**
2015	**CHRYSLER**	**4D**	**1C3CCCEG9FN540846**	**25-0000932**

The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Walled Lake Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Walled Lake Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2006	**CADILLAC**	**4D**	**1G6KD57Y56U116269**	**25-0013715**

The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Westland Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Westland Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

All Vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid in full at the conclusion of the auction.

PUBLIC AUCTION

HOLT & SON AUTO WRECKING LLC.

THE FOLLOWING CARS HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED BY THE INKSTER POLICE DEPT. AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT **HOLT & SON AUTO WRECKING LLC** AT 27350 PRINCETON ST INKSTER, MI 48141 ON THE DAY OF **APRIL 16 AT 10 AM**

Year	Make	VIN/HIN/Serial Number	Model & Body Style
2015	CHRYSLER	1C3CCCBB7FN721923	4D
2015	CHEVROLET	1G1PC5SBOF7115532	4D
2010	FORD	2FMGK5DC5ABA51144	SW
2008	FORD	2FMDK49C58BA66386	SW
2008	GMC	1GKDT13S482243956	SW
2007	GMC	1GKFK66897J181726	SW

CITY OF ROMULUS
Board of Zoning Appeals
Notice of a Public Hearing
WEDNESDAY, **May 7, 2025 – 7:00 pm**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday, May 7, 2025** for the purpose of considering:

BZA-2025-002; First Class Self Storage requesting the following variances:

a. A variance from *Section 11.12(a), Use Standards - Self-Storage Facilities* to allow a 37,000-sq.ft. self storage building on property that is 2.16 acres in area where a minimum of 4 acres is required;
b. A variance from *Section 11.12(a)(2), Use Standards - Self-Storage Facilities* to allow ingress and egress for the storage facility from a 66-foot road right-of-way, rather than the required minimum 120-foot road right-of-way;
c. A variance from *Section 8.04(a), Area, Height and Placement Requirements – M-1 District* to allow building lot coverage of 40.21% rather than the maximum allowable lot coverage of 35%; and
d. A variance from *Section 8.04(a), Area, Height and Placement Requirements – M-1 District* to allow impermeable lot coverage of 77.57% rather than the maximum lot coverage of 75%.

The property is located at 29109 Beverly Road (DP# 80-003-99-0006-000) and zoned M-1, Light Industrial

The public hearing will be held at Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road. A copy of the variance applications are available in the Planning Department during regular business hours – Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or on the City website www.romulusgov.com (Government, Agendas & Minutes, Board of Zoning Appeals). Questions and written comments may be sent or emailed to Carol Maise (planning@romulusgov.com), City Planner, Department of Public Services, 12600 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485 or at 734-955-4530, or by using the City Hall drop box at 11111 Wayne Road. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said requests. Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the Planning Secretary (734-955-4530) 48 hours prior to the meeting. Our staff will be pleased to make necessary arrangements.

Publish: 4/17/2025

Jerry Frederick,
Board of Zoning Appeals Chairperson

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Sumpter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at 6:00 pm on Thursday, May 8th, 2025, to receive public comment for the following item(s):

1) Text amendments to section 5.3, Accessory Buildings, structures, and uses.
2) Text amendments to section 5.13, Single Family Dwellings, manufactured housing, prefabricated housing.
3) Consider approval of proposed rezoning at 24235 Sumpter Rd.
4) Consider approval of proposed Special Land Use at 25891 Sumpter Rd.
5) Consider approval of proposed Special Land Use at 50425 Bemis Rd.

The Public Hearing has been scheduled to provide all interested citizens with an opportunity to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss in detail all aspects of the proposed use.

For those unable to attend the Public Hearing, written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office before the hearing date.

Don LaPorte
Clerk
Sumpter Township

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Planning Commission
November 14, 2024, 6:00 pm
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Chairperson Stalmack opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Stalmack, Oddy, Honey, Warren, Pokerwinski, and Planner J. Pezzotti. Excused was Watson, and Armstrong. Also shown present were Township Manager A. Burdick, Clerk's Office Staff S. Herman, and Deputy Clerk K. Armatis. 7 attendees were also present.

3. Minutes:

A. Motion by Oddy, seconded by Pokerwinski, to approve the planning commission meeting minutes of August 15th, 2024. Yay: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. New Business:

A. Public Hearing: Text amendment: Remove section 4.6.2y that regulates slaughterhouses as special land use in the (AG) Agricultural Zoning District.

Motion by Oddy, seconded by Pokerwinski, to open the public hearing for Text amendment. Motion Carried. Remove section 4.6.2y that regulates slaughterhouses as special land use in the (AG) Agricultural Zoning District. Motion carried. The Planner explained the text amendment there were no questions.

Motion by Oddy supported by Honey to close the public hearing. Motion Carried.

Motion by Oddy supported by Pokerwinski to recommended approval to the Board for final approval. Motion Carried.

B. Public Hearing: Text amendment: to Section 6.4, Regulation of Animals.

Motion by Oddy, seconded by Honey, to open the public hearing for Text amendment: to Section 6.4, Regulation of Animals. Motion Carried. Planner Pezzotti explained text amendment. 1 attendee spoke. Oddy is seeking clarification in text amendment to include language that specifies the number of each animal allowed per acre.

Motion by Oddy, Supported by Honey to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Motion by Oddy supported by Pokerwinski to TABLE this item until language clarification is provided by planner. Motion Carried.

C. Public Hearing: Text amendments to section 3.3 Special Land Uses.

Motion by Oddy, seconded by Honey to open the public hearing for Text amendments Motion Carried. Amendment to section 3.3 Special Land Uses. Planner Pezzotti explained text amendment. No public comment.

Motion by Oddy, Supported by Honey to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Motion by Oddy supported by Honey to recommend approval to the Board for final approval. Motion Carried.

D. Consider approval of a business storing hazardous materials.

DISCUSSION: Applicant Ken Meyers at 19700 Karr Rd was present. Applicant Myers explained he owns a small business that primarily remodels bathtubs. Applicant advised he has six employees however, no business is conducted on the property. The employees go to the Karr Rd address approximately one to two times a week to collect supplies otherwise, they leave directly from their personal homes to the job site. Oddy asked where the applicant disposes of waste. The applicant advised that there is hardly any waste because it is continuously being used for jobs. If there were to be any waste applicant stated it is taken to the proper facility in accordance with the EPA. The applicant advised he stores up to 100 gallons of paint at most on the property, however, on average uses 50-75 gallons of paint. Oddy further asked if any signage is or will be placed on the property. Applicant Myer stated no signage is currently on the property. However, he wants to put up signage on his building for marketing purposes, to take photos for social media, website, etc. Commissioner Oddy advised the applicant to refer to the signage ordinance when he plans to install signage to ensure compliance. Fire Chief Brown recommended a lock box be installed.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Honey to approve of the business storing hazardous materials. Yay: All in favor Nay: None. Motion Carried.

E. Consider a site plan amendment to 51356 Willis Rd.

Chair Stalmack opened the discussion to consider a site plan amendment to 51356 Willis Rd. Applicant Jay C. "Chad" Brendtke was present. Applicant Chad spoke regarding the 6 vehicles parking on the east side of the lot in the "grassy" area and having lawn mowers for sale on the property. Applicant provided Planning Commission with a hand drawn sketch of the property that Chad drew. A discussion was held between the Commission and applicant. Planner Pezzotti recommended several options to the Commission which are as follows:

1. Approve
2. Deny
3. Approve with condition to reduce requested number of displayed cars to be administratively reviewed.
4. Table until the next Planning commission meeting on February 13th, 2025, and the applicant would need to provide a clear dimensional site plan, or if he wanted a meeting sooner, he could pay.

Motion by Oddy supported by Pokerwinski to table this item until the next meeting on February 13th, 2025, and the applicant would need to provide clear dimensional site plan. Motion Carried.

Open Floor: 1 attendee spoke.

7. Adjournment: Motion by Oddy, seconded by Pokerwinski, to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by:
S.Herman Clerk's Office Staff, Sumpter Township

Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday March 25th, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk LaPorte, Treasurer Patterson, Fraizer, Oddy, Rush and Honey. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Township Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Herman, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, & Fire Chief Brown.

3. Agenda: Motion by Patterson supported by Rush to approve the agenda with the addition of the following items:

AMEND Item G. with the additions and the language of item G and the amended Budget through Q3.
ADD Item I. Consider approval of the employment agreement of Ronald Tabor as the Sumpter Township Department of Public Works Director.
ADD Item J. Approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes from March 11th, 2025, at 5 pm.
ADD Item K. Approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from March 11th, 2025, at 6 pm.
ADD Item L. Consider approval of the final payout benefits bank time for Kevin Scott in the amount of $2,659.20.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Presentation:
- Jon Johnson, Acrisure - Public Entity Insurance

Discussion:
- Supervisor Bowman – Hennessey Project Assessment Willow Rd Water Main.

4. Public Comment: None.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Oddy supported by Patterson to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of March 4th, 2025, with the addition of **item B.** Approve Special Board Meeting Minutes of March 6th, 2025, and include the ***ADDED*** *items of* ***item J****. Approve Special Board Meeting Minutes of March 11th, 2025, and* ***Item K.*** *Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 11th, 2025.*
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants**:** Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve warrants $ 1,035,234.44.
Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bowman, LaPorte, Patterson, Frazier, Oddy, Rush & Honey. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Motion by Rush supported Oddy to accept the Township manager's report as read by Burdick.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8.Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to accept the Water & Sewer Report as red by Patterson.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

9. Motion by Rush supported Oddy to accept the Treasurer's report as read by Patterson.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

10. Motion by Patterson supported by Rush to receive and file the Attorney's report.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. Board Response: Rush reminds and encourages the Board, staff & residents to attend the upcoming Skywarn Training on Saturday, April 5th, 2025, at 9 am.

Oddy & Patterson added to Township Manager's comment regarding the Martinsville Cemetery.

13. New Business:

A. Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve the employment agreement for Ken Marten as the Sumpter Township Manager.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy supported by Patterson to approve of the retirement notice and employment extension of Anthony Burdick.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Oddy supported by Patterson to approve of the Acrisure MTPP Liability-related insurance coverage effective April 1, 2025, annual cost of $169,006.00.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Patterson supported by Rush to approve of the YUCA Sewer Use Ordinance Revisions as prepared by the Township Attorney.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Frazier supported by Oddy to approve of Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Easter Celebration on April 19th, 2025, at Graham Park.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Frazier supported by Oddy to approve of Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Earth Day Celebration clean-up of Banotai/Sherwood Park from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on April 26th, 2025.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

G. ***AMENDED*** Motion by Patterson supported by Oddy to approve of the 2025-2026 Sumpter Township Operating Budget *and the amended budget through Q3.*
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Oddy supported by Patterson to approve to renew the annual Fire Depart AD&D Policy with Provident for $791, effective April 1st, 2025.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

I. **ADDED** Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve of the employment agreement of Ronald Tabor as the Sumpter Township Department of Public Works Director.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

L. **ADDED** Motion Frazier by supported by Oddy to approve the final payout benefits bank time for Kevin Scott in the amount of $2,659.20.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

14. **Announcements:** LaPorte made an announcement regarding Wayne County's Household Hazardous Waste Day occurring on April 5th, 2025, at 8 am in Harper Woods, MI at 8 am. For more information, visit our website.

15. **Adjournment**: Motion by Patterson supported by Rush to adjourn at 7:11 pm.
Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
Minutes prepared by:

Deputy Clerk S. Herman
Sumpter Township

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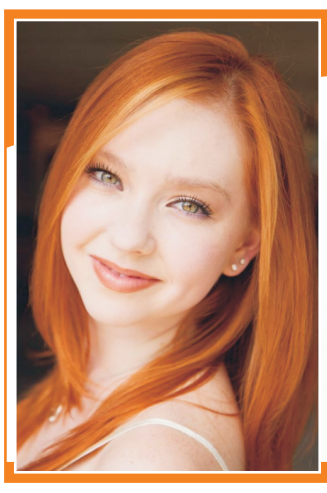

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Township of Sumpter
Public Hearing Minutes
March 25th, 2025, 5:30 pm

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:30 pm.

Roll call: Clerk LaPorte, Treasurer Patterson, Supervisor Bowman, Trustees: Honey, Frazier, Oddy, and Rush. Also present: Township Manager Burdick, Attorney Young, & Chief Luke.

Motion by Rush, supported by Bowman to open the public hearing for the 2025/2026 township budget.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Presentation of the budget by Township Manager Anthony Burdick.

1. Finance & Twp Management will conduct a thorough review post Q1, 2025 Fiscal End to address any Operating Plan Assumptions, as needed, with identified amendments targeted for the month-end April 2025. Subsequent to Board approval May 2025.

GENERAL FUND:

2. Assessed data from 2024 original to actual Amended 2024 (Based on Fiscal Y-E 1/31/2025 experience).
3. This was used to provide the foundation to build the 2025 proposed operating plan on the table.
4. Recognized and addressed material variances from 2024 Original Plan to Amended 2024 experience were;
   - State Shared Revenue was a reduction of approximately $26,000.
   - Election Reimbursements were realized approximately at $32,000.
   - Cable Franchise Revenue was approximately $17,000 less than planned experience.
   - Capital Asset Sales (i.e. Twp Properties), there was an increase in approximately $77,000 over the planned budget.
   - Royalty Transfers we are down by approximately $195,000. We drew from royalty $195,000 less to be able to support the amended 2024/2025 budget.
   - 911 Fund Transfers increased by approximately $58,000.

The overall amended variance between the original and amended budget experience was approximately $34,000 with the 2024 to proposed 2025 plan being $3,032,890.00. Removing Election Reimbursement ($48,000-($32,000) =16,000). This means that we are receiving an additional approximately $16,000 for General Fund.

COMMON DEPARTMENTAL DATA OVERVIEW:
Shared experiences between most of the Township Departments: *Human Resource Specialist, Department of Public Works Director and Township Manager.*

1. 2% increase in base wage categories (CBA increases).
2. YOY $ Net Adjustments – Personnel-Position related (DPW Director, Human Resource Specialist, Township Manager).
   a. Wage, Benefits, MERS Contri, Misc (Recruitment, Training, etc.).
   b. PRTs/Burden Net Adjustments.
3. Office/Operating Supplies – Market experiences cost adjustments.
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   b. Fire Department *$649K*
      i. Primary Engine Replacement should be arriving on or after April 1st, 2025.
      ii. Turnout Gear Replacement
      iii. Parking Lot Maintenance
   c. Ordinance *$32K*
      i. Replacement Vehicle
   d. Police Department *$175K*
      i. Replacement Vehicles
      ii. Mandated Radios
      iii. Roof repairs
   e. Building Department Conversion
      i. In development & process.

KEY NET 2025/2026 FUND BALANCES:

Projected at this Budget Spend of 2026 End:

- General Fund $34,000
- Fire Fund $274,000 (Approximately) loss.
  - This is off set by the current year. We have a surplus in the current departmental operating cost of $273,000.
- Police Fund $0
- ARPA $70K
- Capital Projects Fund $223K
- Water Fund $250K

Township Manager Burdick thanked all the Board Members, Departmental Elected and Appointed officials, & Cari Ford- Contracted Finance & Accounting for her attention to detail, her experience and for preparing the financial product.

All Board members thanked Township Manager Burdick for his presentation.

Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to close the public hearing. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to adjourn the hearing at 5:52 pm. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
Samantha Herman, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

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